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Applicants: OHTOMO et al

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application having a Notice of Allowance mailed June 26, 2006. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks following the Amendment.